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Dear Sir:

The Burlington Rotary Club, Burlington, Vermont, would like to invite a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency to speak at one of our meetings early next year. I would suggest it be during the period from mid-January through March. The Burlington Rotary Club meets at noon on Mondays at the Radisson Hotel in Burlington.

Twelve years ago I sent a similar request to Mr. Angus M. Thuerner, then Assistant to the Director, and we were most fortunate to have Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, Deputy Director, come to us as speaker. Gen. Walters gave an outstanding speech to a joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, and then held a brief news conference. He did a great job of enlightening many key leaders of Vermont's population center, and in neutralizing the adverse publicity the Agency had been getting in the local media.

At this time Vermonters are again being deluged by anti-CIA publicity, as you may know from the treatment of your recruiters when they visited the University of Vermont last month. While the protesters and letter writers are small in number they have been getting a lot of media coverage. It is a good time for the Agency to tell Vermonters again about its important functions and to dispel the "assassination" image being promulgated.

The Burlington Rotary Club has about 168 members made up of business and professional people from the greater Burlington area. It is the largest club in our District which covers northern Vermont and New Hampshire, and has three clubs in Quebec. It would provide an excellent forum for the Agency with broad publicity throughout Vermont.

As a Trustee of Norwich University I would also like to



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extend an invitation for your representative to speak to the students at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. I have cleared this with the President of Norwich, Maj. Gen. W. Russell Todd (USA-Ret'd), who was enthusiastically receptive to the idea. If I receive an affirmative response to my request for a speaker, I shall pass the word to Gen. Todd who will then contact you, or you can telephone him in Northfield at (802) 485-2065. Gen. Todd told me he would arrange a special assembly of the students if that were necessary to meet your speaker's schedule.

A word about Norwich: it is the oldest private military college in the United States. Its cadets would be a friendly audience, but they are taught to think for themselves and to ask searching questions as future leaders should. Your representative would enjoy the experience, I am sure.

Finally, the Burlington Rotary Club does not normally pay the expenses of speakers, so I would appreciate being advised if that creates a problem. I shall be glad to assist in making arrangements for the trip, and I am sure I can speak for Norwich in saying that they, too, will help in any way possible. I can be reached by telephone at (802) 862-8488.

I hope you can honor this two-fold request.

Sincerely,

  
Reginald M. Cram  
Maj. Gen. (Ret'd)  
Chairman, International  
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Burlington Rotary Club